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REPORT OF STATE LIBRARIAN.

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*To the Honorable, the General Assembly of North Carolina :*

In my last report I had occasion to call your attention to the crowded condition of the Library and the necessity for more room. It is needless to repeat it, suffice it to say that the room has been entirely too small for the purposes intended for at least twelve years past, according to the reports of my predecessors ; and with our annual additions the difficulty increases. The books cannot be properly placed unless there is a larger room. I have been compelled to store many in such rooms, closets, etc., as I have been able to procure about the capitol.

This room was never intended for a Library, but merely a place to safely store our State papers, documents, etc., and it answered that purpose well enough, but not the present demand.

The old Library that was burned at the time the former capitol was consumed, in 1831, was probably larger than the present one. The public men of that day took a pride in its growth, prosperity and preservation, and at the time of its destruction there were about twenty thousand volumes of rare and valuable works on its shelves. It was situated where the Supreme Court room now is, and including the